

INFORMATION REPORT

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the following commodity prices were in effect in the Kosong (N 38-40, 25X1
E 128-19) (DT-4180) area:1

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>	
	small mal ²	700	25X1
Noodles, cooked	bowl	100	
Sweetfish	40	50	
Gray mullet	each	60	
Salt	small mal	650	
Cake, rice	each	20	
	pair	200	25X1
Shoes, rubber, black, North Korean	pair	800	
Sneakers, North Korean	pair	600	
Shoes, tennis, North Korean	pair	1,200	
Sheeting, cotton	p'il ²	1,900	
Suit, Soviet	each	6,000	
Cap, hunting ³	each	300	
Sulfadiazine	tablet	40	
Penicillin, crystal, Chinese	bottle	800	
Penicillin, oil	bottle	1,800	
	each	1,200	25X1
Flashlight, Chinese	each	800	
Lighter, Soviet	each	800	
Lighter, Chinese	each	1,200	
Cigarettes, North Korean	pack	50	
	each	9,000	25X1

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>
Gold	don (sic) ⁴	8,000
Sewing machine	each	12,000
Needle, sewing machine	each	60
Soap, laundry, North Korean	bar	150
Haircut, adult	per person	50
Bath, adult	per person	10

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2. Comment. The western equivalents of the Korean units of measurement in this report are as follows: a small mal is one quarter of a bushel or a little less than 15 ounces; a p'il is 15 feet.

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3. Comment. The hunting cap referred to is called a Lenin cap by the North Koreans.

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4. Comment. Probably momme, 3.75 grams, is intended.

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